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Department will take action indicated paragraph 2 on receipt formal Libyan request and will let you know soonest after review whether your letter and Prime Minister's reply mentioned paragraph 5 reference telegram are sufficient formalization of establishment and functions Joint Economic Commission. Perhaps additional exchange of notes will be necessary and prudent. Important we be able show Congress our participation therein adequately defined and delimited. Appreciate your efforts expedite action and assume Libyans understand basic steps in formation Joint Economic Commission are ad referendum Washington.

Re $3 million, procedurally FOA suggests immediate allotment to USOM for transfer to Joint Economic Commission either lump sum or for individual projects at appropriate time prior to April 30. Initial transfer should be accompanied by note indicating basis US understanding that funds to be used essential economic development projects Libya. Desire opportunity review draft such note before signature.

Assuming early Libyan clearance, new FOA Mission Chief should arrive Tripoli February 19. Since initial meeting extremely important, even with urgency

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urgency establishment Joint Economic Commiss' n believe advisable if possible ~~xxx~~ postpone first meeting allow his participation, possibly in company Stokes.

In order recruit qualified person position Executive Director necessary know not only nature Joint Economic Commission and to what extent functions planning, supervisory, and/or operating but duties Executive Director in relation thereto. One possibility might be/~~xxxxx~~ open-end contract by Joint Economic Commission with US firm competent furnish both Executive Director and special services as required. If US Government to provide, responsibility recruiting and paying such person/~~xxii~~ likely devolve FOA/W. Whether by Joint Economic Commission contract, direct US employment or US contract, you should ~~x~~ coordinate Stokes earliest with Stokes in preparation AIRPAR for submission soonest. Meanwhile FOA canvassing field including experience similar organizations other countries. Corps Engineers reports it unable assign officer but/~~xxx~~ has. supplied names retired officers (same as listed Tappin letter to Jernegan) possibly available. Letter this subject follows.

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